

I am writing in opposition to Petition 04-160 and ask that this petition be denied at the earliest opportunity. In a country that values open competition, preventing satellite radio companies from offering a full range of programing is wrong. Satellite radio provides quaility and quanity programming which may not be available in all areas. In fact, I would hazard a guess that every area of the United States cannot obtain some type of programming but for satellite radio. Providing locally oriented programming only improves the services and programming available to consumers and is to be encouraged. More competition will result in better service for the consumer and should not be discouraged. Let those broadcasters who oppose satellite radio work to improve their product rather than limit the choices which are available to consumers. Thank you for your consideration.

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